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Arranged date 6:30 p.m. local (5:30 EST) with Goulart accompanied Bond and Colonel Walters. Had sought unsuccessfully secure presence Hermes Lima and Kruei, but neither available.

I introduced subject as most grave, summarizing evidence on Soviet offensive buildup in Cuba. Goulart visibly shocked and interrupted to say Rusk himself 3 weeks ago had emphasized defensive character Soviet weapons. If offensive buildup true, he said no doubt about Brazil's solidarity with U.S.

We then gave running oral translation speech through part three (part four received only after interview). He listened carefully, noted vigorous character statements on Soviets, and said

At same time, Goulart seemed somewhat surprised at mildness action step one. He had mistakenly thought that blockade against arms importation already in effect. I explained this not so, and that new step included stoppage and search Soviet as well as other vessels. I also explained that Latin American Ambassadors were being briefed at that moment, with presentation photographs and other intelligence evidence nature offensive buildup. He expressed most intense interest this evidence, saying proofs would be critical to his ability

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to take strong stand in support U.S., including justifying before Brazilian public. Indicated he would telephone Campos tonight for his reaction.

We then read text of letter, second section just received. and promised deliver Portuguese translation later in evening. I emphasized our intense interest three Brazilian actions:

(1) Endorsement convocation consultative meeting and resolution on lines paragraph six Department Circular telegram 700;

(2) Public statement by Brazilian Government, and support in U. N.;

(3) Internal security measures including special precautions American installations.

On OAS action, Goulart seemed very sympathetic provided convincing proof furnished.

Reaffirmed that previous Brazilian position supported right any nation defend itself against aggression, including Cuban defense against attack by exiles or others, but

to specific action, he pointed to limitations his authority since

Prime Minister and Cabinet still responsible. Undertook consult tonight with Hermes Lima and Krueel and other available Ministers. Requested we furnish Portuguese translations President's letter, full text of speech, and draft resolution when available. We are providing them this evening.

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